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SUBJECT: EFFECTS OF EUROPEAN DROUGHT

1. IN REPLYING TO EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DEBATE SEPTEMBER 16 ON EFFECTS OF THIS SUMMER'S DROUGHT, EC COMMISSIONER LARDINOIS SAID THAT WHILE SOME DELETERIOUS EFFECTS OF DROUGHT WILL BE FELT IN MONTHS AHEAD, THE OVERALL EFFECT ON COMMUNITY'S FOOD SUPPLIES AND CONSUMER PRICES WILL BE FAR MORE MODEST THAN HAD BEEN FEARED LAST SUMMER. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT SOME FOOD ITEMS WILL BE IN SHORT SUPPLY NEXT WINTER (E.G., POTATOES), LARDINOIS SAID THAT THANKS TO COMMUNITY RESERVE STOCKS, MOST BASIC AGRICULTURAL AND DAIRY COMMODITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN QUANTITIES WHICH SHOULD KEEP PRICES FROM RISING ABOVE LEVELS PREVAILING THE LAST YEAR OR TWO (I.E., WHEN MEASURED IN CONSTANT UNITS OF ACCOUNT AS DISTINCT FROM FLUCTUATING CURRENCIES IN SOME EC MEMBER STATES).

2. LARDINOIS SAID THAT DROUGHT HAS SHOWN WISDOM OF MAINTAINING CERTAIN " DESIREABLE" LEVEL OF COMMUNITY RESERVES, AS A HEDGE AGAINST NATURAL DISASTERS, ALTHOUGH HE QUICKLY ADDED THAT PRESENT DAIRY PRODUCT RESERVES OBVIOUSLY FAR EXCEED THE " DESIREABLE" LEVEL. HE ACKNOWLEDGED

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THAT THE DROUGHT HAS NOT SOLVED THE EC'S STRUCTURAL

PROBLEM WHICH HAS LED TO THE BUTTER AND SKIMMED MILK  
"MOUNTAINS." NOTING THAT AS A RESULT OF THE DROUGHT  
DAIRY PRODUCT RESERVES (PARTICULARLY FRESH BUTTER)  
SHOULD DECLINE 5-6 PERCENT THIS WINTER LARDINOIS SAID THAT  
DROUGHT GIVES THE COMMUNITY A "BREAKING TING PERIOD "  
IN WHICH TO TRY TO WORK OUT STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS. HE  
ALSO PROFESSED HOPE THAT GATT NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA  
WILL EVENTUALLY OFFER EC EXPANDED EXPORT MARKETS FOR  
DAIRY PRODUCTS AND THUS HOLD DOWN DAIRY SURPLUSES.

3. LARDINOIS PREDICTED THAT OVERALL EC GRAIN CROP WILL  
BE 85-90 PERCENT OF NORMAL, WITH SOME COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING BETTER  
THAN AVERAGE HARVESTS AND SOME WORSE (HE NOTED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT  
MANY AREAS OF LUXEMBOURG ARE EXPECTED TO YIELD ONLY 50 PERCENT OF  
NORMAL GRAIN CROP.)

LARDINOIS INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT FEED GRAIN SCARCITIES HAVE LED TO  
EARLY SLAUGHTERING WITH EXPECTATION THAT MEAT SUPPLIES WILL  
BEGIN TO DECLINE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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